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## **Medicare Open Enrollment Period Resources, October, 2020**

During the Medicare Open Enrollment Period, most Medicare beneficiaries want to do the research it takes to make sure they have the Medicare Advantage Plan (Part C) or Prescription Drug Plan (Part D) that's most appropriate for them for next year. Below are some resources they could use.

Medicare's Open Enrollment Period is October 15 – December 7. During this time, you can make changes to your Advantage and Prescription Drug Plan.

One of the best tools to help you during the Medicare Open Enrollment Period is the Planfinder Tool located at [www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan](http://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan). It takes you step-by-step through available Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plans while taking your own costs into consideration.

Another great tool for Medicare beneficiaries is MyMedicare.gov. You can register to get online access to your preventive health information and track your preventive services, get a calendar of the Medicare-covered tests and screenings you are eligible for and print a report to take to your health care provider. You can also view your Medicare claims history at MyMedicare.gov.

If you already created an account on MyMedicare.gov, you will use that same username and password to log into the new Planfinder Tool – there is no need to create another account.

Another great resource for Medicare beneficiaries is the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for free, impartial assistance with your Medicare questions.

SHIP Counselors are thoroughly trained and are located throughout Indiana. See a list of our Indiana locations at [www.in.gov/ship/2500.htm](http://www.in.gov/ship/2500.htm). You can meet with a SHIP Counselor by phone, virtually with an online meeting, and in some areas, in person.

SHIP Counselors are available to help walk you through Medicare's online Planfinder Tool and offer Medicare educational events throughout Indiana. All SHIP education events stress the importance of following Medicare's recommendation that beneficiaries

check with their medical provider to discuss getting a flu shot this season. Medicare Part B and Advantage Plans cover flu shots. You can find a current list of SHIP events at [www.in.gov/ship/2506.htm](http://www.in.gov/ship/2506.htm).

Find SHIP on Facebook and Twitter.

To find a SHIP location near you, call (800) 452-4800 during normal business hours to reach the SHIP Help Line.

If you or someone you know has questions about the Medicare Open Enrollment Period, the Planfinder Tool, MyMedicare.gov, or any other Medicare related topic, call SHIP at 1-800-452-4800, 1-866-846-0139 TDD or online at [www.medicare.in.gov](http://www.medicare.in.gov).

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*John Williams is a Medicare Specialist with State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Hoosiers can get answers to Medicare questions by calling SHIP at 800-452-4800 Monday - Friday between 8:00AM - 4:00PM.*